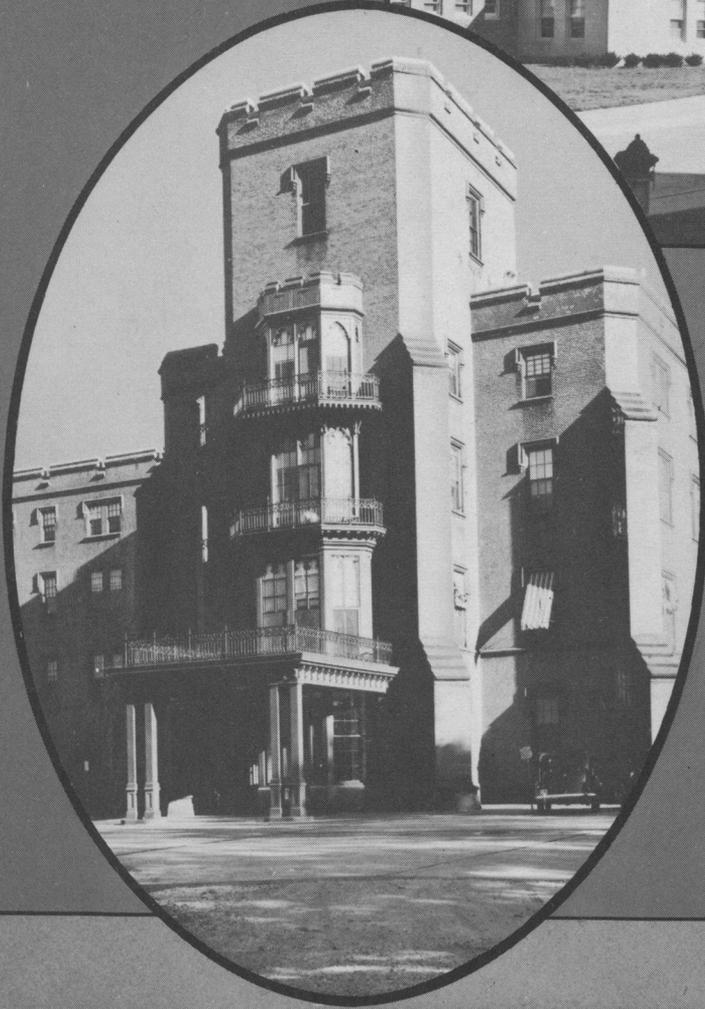


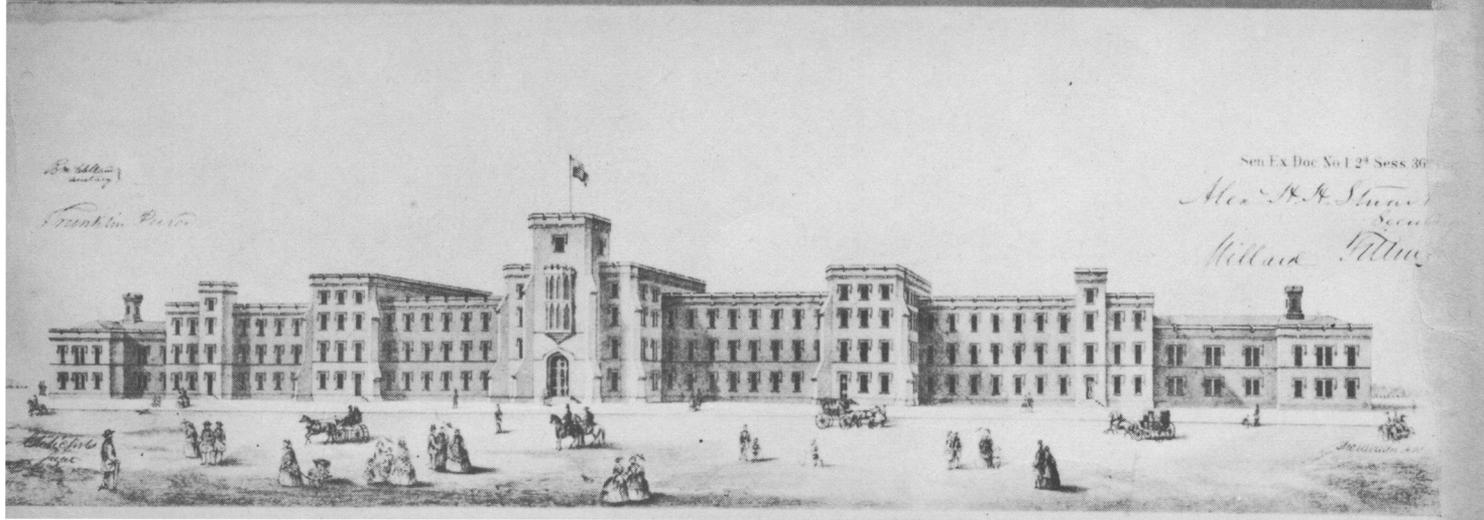
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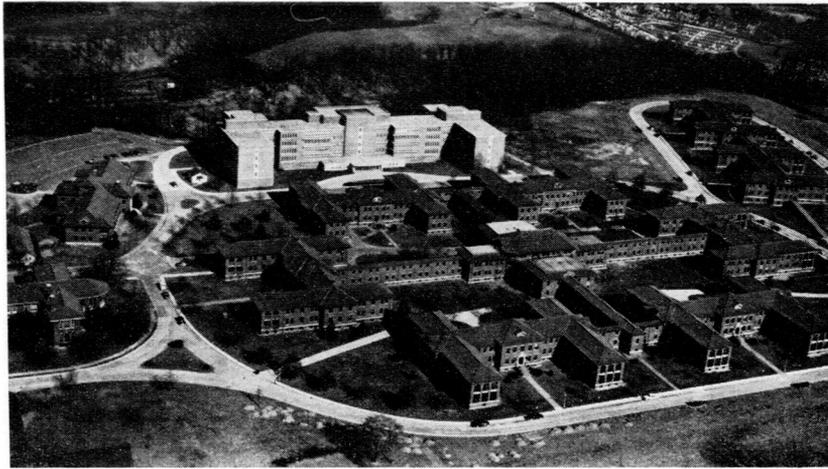


# St. Elizabeths Hospital

1855 - 1955

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Aerial view of St. Elizabeths grounds.

## St. Elizabeths Marks 100th Anniversary

St. Elizabeths Hospital in Washington, D. C., a part of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, marks its centennial this year.

Founded by the Congress in 1855, St. Elizabeths has grown from a set of plans which originally called for 90 beds to a community of more than 7,200 patients. Today, recognized internationally, its signal achievements include pioneer work in neuropathology, special treatment wards and special wards for legal offenders, introduction of hydrotherapy and of the use of Kraepelin's classification of mental disorders for diagnosis.

Some of the earliest American writing on forensic psychiatry started at St. Elizabeths, beginning with the work of Glueck and continuing through that of Karpman. Kempf's volume on psychopathology was written at the hospital. Several of Korzybski's early studies in semantics were made there. Its present superintendent, Dr. Winfred Overholser, is the author of "The Psychiatrist and the Law," published in 1953.

This spring, a new 400-bed treatment and admissions building, to be known as the Dorothea Lynde Dix Pavilion, will be dedicated. Miss Dix, chief nurse for the Union Army during the Civil War, was a dynamic reformer. Her efforts led to the establishment of St. Elizabeths, along with at least 30 State mental hospitals.

### frontispiece . . .

Top: Entrance to the geriatrics building—cornerstone laid in 1950. Center: Porte cochere, center building. This is the entrance to the original hospital. Bottom: An old lithograph shows St. Elizabeths in the early 1860's.

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